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Re: Application No. 10/031,890 – Claim amendments and disclaimers.

Dear Matthew D. Hoel,

This is a response to the action which was sent on 12/21/2005.

- 1) **Claim Rejection – 35 USC 112** – I attach amended claims with appropriate corrections. In particular, I eliminated any reference to a player as an agent, and all the behaviour in the amended claims is behaviour of the board. I have also changed the claims to refer consistently to “current player’s colour” and “other colour”, rather than a mixture of phrases.

In addition, I have added the word “of” where it was missing in the third line of Claim 3, and the word “in” where it was missing in the fourth line of Claim 4.

I have also removed the rogue period in Claim 4.

- 2) **Double Patenting rejection and provisional rejections** – I attach 3 terminal disclaimers with respect of applications 10/031,776, 100/031,942 and 10/497,428 and a terminal disclaimer with respect to patent 6,568,683. I also attach a form pto-2038 with the fee for all these disclaimers.

My understanding is that the above corrections put the application in condition for allowance.

- 3) **Oath/Declaration** – I am attaching an Application Data Sheet, listing the missing references. It is marked as “supplementary”, but because the original application did not have an Application Data Sheet, it is actually complete sheet from scratch rather than correction of the original.
- 4) **Specification** – I do not correct the informal deficiencies in para. 23 of the action, because the formalities of modifying the specification are not obvious to me, the action indicates that this correction is not essential, and the deficiencies are not of any substance.

Thanks,

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